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MARR TELEPHONES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to ensure smooth functioning of Multi Access Rural Radio (MARR) telephones installed in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1. Testing of VPTs are carried out daily from the exchange. Any VPTs not responding on two consecutive days are being treated as faulty.

2. Testing of MARR LINKS are carried out daily from the base station.

3. Meter reading are checked fortnightly and low reading is taken as an indication of the system not performing properly and are being especially checked.

4. VPTs holders have been asked to book their fault at telephone exchange/JTO incharge.

5. Repair centers are in process of being set-up in each circle.

6. AMC has been entered into with many suppliers of the system.

7. SSA Heads are holding meetings with villagers to sort out the grievances.

8. Flying squads have been constituted at circle/TCHQ level.

9. Following new technologies are being tried in the network for induction:

- WLL (Wireless in local loop)
- C.DOT-TDMA PMP system (C-DOT developed time division Multi Access point to Multipoint system.
- Satellite Base Terminals for remote and inaccessible areas.

10. Unserviceable MARR System are proposed to be replaced.

(c) Does not arise in view of above.